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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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May 17, 2007

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a marked and clean copy of the substitute specification is attached following page 9 of this paper.